

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 2 Week 6**

**29th May 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

What a busy week this week will be. It was a fitting beginning that the week started with Pentecost Sunday and that this was the final week of preparation for the children who will be confirmed tonight.

A huge thank you to the parents who led the preparation lessons and to Mrs Simmons and Father Michael for the huge effort that they put in to co-ordinate the programme. Today Bishop Colin has come to our school to meet with the pupils and to hold a practice for tonight's Confirmation celebration.

Wednesday and Thursday see us holding our initial interviews to support the written reports on National Standards, send out last week. I encourage all parents to attend these interviews, as sometimes more information can be gained from an interview rather than a written report due to the ability to engage in dialogue. It also shows the pupils that school and home are working together to achieve great things for them.

I have also timetabled an opportunity for the parents of Year Six pupils to meet with me and discuss our programmes for the 2013 senior school. This is a great opportunity for me to highlight the great things going on in the senior school and the range of opportunities that we offer our Year Seven and Eight pupils, and to hear any thoughts and suggestions that you may have.

Have a great week.  
Mike Brosnahan  
Principal

## Michael Mangan Concert



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Dates for May

Tuesday 29th	Confirmation <b>6.30pm</b>
Wed and Thurs	30th & 31st -Interviews
<b>June</b>	
1st	Assembly Rms 4/6 2.20pm
4th	Queens Birthday -school closed
5th –8th	Scholastic Book Fair
6th	Mufti Day
8th	Assembly Rm 3/5
11th	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
13th	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
13th	Extra Spelling Quiz
14th	Rm 7 Camp Meeting 7pm
15th	Assembly Rms 1 & 2
18th	St Johns Visit
20th/21st	Taieri Music Festival
22nd	School Cross Country
27th	Prepared Speeches Yrs 6-8

### Parent Teacher Interviews - This Wednesday & Thursday

We are now set-up to enable booking for your parent interviews online, this is very easy and gives you control over the times available.

**The site is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)**

You will be asked for the event code: **VTRNK**  
This takes you to St Mary's, Mosgiel Parent-Teacher interviews.

Step 1: Enter Your Details (name etc)  
Step 2: Choose Your Child's Room/Teacher  
Step 3: Choose Your Times, just click on the time you want.

You are finished unless you wish to cancel or re-schedule. If you entered your email address it will send a confirmation email,( you may need to check your junk folder for this email).

If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to use the classroom computers before or after school, and teachers can help you if required.

### Mufti Day Wednesday 6th June

As our service project for Term Two we will be holding a Mufti Day on Wednesday 6th June. All money raised will go to support the Chair of Neurosurgery at Otago University Dunedin Hospital.

All of us know someone who having this service in our city has been effected for the better, and to support this concept our mufti day will have the theme of a **hat day**—to highlight the importance of our head and brain. Gold coin donation please.

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the following pupils who will be confirmed by Bishop Colin this evening:  
Aiden MacRae-Platten, Akayla Grindley, Benjamin Baines, Blythe Middleton, Chelsea Smith, Finn McArthur, James Sutherland, Jonty Kennedy, Kayla Farr, Mia Warman, Sara Hall, Thomas Dodson, Tony Walters, Will Morris.

### A thought for the week...

A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.

-William Hazlitt

### Congratulations

To Chanse Petre on being selected in the Otago Under 13A Basketball Team.

And to Nadia Kerr and Sinead Illingworth on being selected for the Year 8 Netball Academy.

### Altar Servers Sunday 3rd June

Sinead & Josh Illingworth

### Cake Stall this Friday!!!

As part of Room 7's on going fund-raising for camp we will be holding a Cake Stall this Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The Cake Stall will be held in the court yard at 3 pm.

We will have a range of items that your children would like to buy if they bring along \$1 or \$2 but also cakes, biscuits etc for adults to purchase.

We look forward to seeing you and your children on Friday.



### 2lt Mike Bottles Wanted

Room 6 are part of a Bottle Bivy Challenge with a number of classes around NZ. We need 400+ empty, thoroughly cleaned bottles. Please send these in with lids to Room 6. Thanks.

## New Sports Uniform

Thank you for your positive feedback for our new sports uniform. We have reviewed and collated the ideas and sent them through to the art room of ISC.

ISC Lenco has been regarded as one of New Zealand's leading suppliers/manufacturers for sportswear for over 25 years and supplies many Dunedin schools. The uniform will be sublimated so this enables us to have as much colour and details as we want on the uniforms at no extra cost.

To clarify a few other details the design is based on the Year 7&8 rugby jersey, the fabric used for these jerseys is a durable sports fabric designed specifically for rugby.

A sports mesh fabric will be used for our new sports uniform. (Easy wash, dry and wear).

The idea of the Saddle Hill image on the back was to:

1. Show we are from the Taieri area
2. Carry on a little piece of history from our old sports tops
3. To make our tops unique

We have asked to have this as a watermark under the St Mary's Mosgiel on the back.

A final decision on all artwork will be made when proofs arrive from the art room.

The school is very fortunate to have received a grant from Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation towards the new uniforms. This means each uniform (top and shorts) will receive a **\$25 subsidy**.

To receive this subsidy your order will need to be placed before the 15<sup>th</sup> June and the total will be \$50.

After this the uniforms will be \$75 for the set. (Top \$40 and Shorts \$35).

While the orders need to be placed by the 15<sup>th</sup> June, payment is not required until the uniforms arrive next term.

A period of gradually phasing in the use of the new uniform is expected by the BOT. Pupils are expected to wear the new uniform once they have arrived this year and the uniform will be a compulsory component of our school uniform from the beginning of 2013. The only exception will be this year's Year Seven and Eight group who because of the small amount of use of the uniform they will get, may choose to wear either the new uniform or the existing Year 7 & 8 rugby style top.

We have been asked if they come in adults sizes. They will cost a little more but if you would like one please add this to your families order form and I will let you know the price.

If you would like any further information please contact me on 489-2342, Donna Burns.

*Cut here and return to office by 15<sup>th</sup> June*

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### ST MARY'S SPORT UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Order

Uniform 1	Name	Size	Price \$50
Uniform 2	Name	Size	Price \$50
Uniform 3	Name	Size	Price \$50
Adult Top		Size	

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes available 4 to 14

## e-learning snapshot 6 – apps in Education

I have had an AMAZING two days in Christchurch as part of my e-fellowship. Five of us spend two days together learning, sharing, and motivating each other to seek out the very best opportunities for our learners. I then spent two days with my friend in Christchurch who is running a BYOD Secondary English Class at Burnside High School. Again, we looked at best possible ways to empower learners to use current technologies enable greater learning. As families increasingly invest in ipods and ipads I thought it would be timely to direct you to this wonderful site Appitic.

<http://appitic.com/>

“Appitic is a directory of apps for education by Apple Distinguished Educators to help you transform teaching and learning. These apps have been tested in a variety of different grade levels, instructional strategies and classroom settings.”

If you have invested in a mobile device you may wish to explore this site and choose some apps to enable your learners to really optimize their creation opportunities.

Animal apps [http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com\\_sobi2&catid=65&Itemid=117](http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=65&Itemid=117)

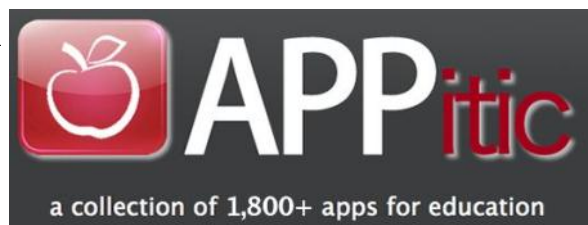
Math + - x ÷ [http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com\\_sobi2&catid=53&Itemid=102](http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=53&Itemid=102)

Reading [http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com\\_sobi2&catid=48&Itemid=96](http://appitic.com/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=48&Itemid=96)

There are so many apps to look at. Click on the picture icon for details about the app, and look at the cost. There are a HUGE range of excellent free apps.

Enjoy searching and installing and learning with these wonderful apps.

Anne Kenneally



### Religious Education

#### All classes are now working on the Jesus Strand

**Year 1** -are learning about Jesus' life as a child compared with children's lives today. Also included is the Catholic belief that Jesus became human. Family/Whanau book page 17.

**Year 2** -are learning about different ways Jesus showed his life by sharing meals, listening, talking, teaching and healing people. Family/Whanau bk page 20.

**Year 3** -are learning about the Eucharist as a special meal, its link with sharing food and how Eucharist helps people to grow in holiness and grace. Family/Whanau book page 23.

**Year 4** -are learning about how Jesus invites people to grow closer to God by sharing in his life through the gift of God's grace. Family/Whanau bk pg 26.

**Year 5** -are learning about the Catholic belief that Jesus of Nazareth, called Christ, is both human and divine.

**Year 6** -are learning that, in his mission on earth Jesus called on people to repeat and to live lives of faith, hope and love.

**Year 7** -are studying Jesus - Saviour and Liberator. As the risen Lord, he is with his people, freeing them from all that prevents them from responding as disciples in faith and love. Family Whanau book page 35.



## PTA News .....

### Quiz night—19th June

Last year the PTA hosted a Quiz Night at the RSA—this was a fun evening and the questions were not nearly as difficult as I thought they were going to be.

We are having another Quiz Night at the RSA with lots of great prizes on **19th June**. Start thinking about who you will have in your team, ticket available soon.

- Jacque Dodson, President.

## Art Gallery Visit

